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claims 24, 27, and 32 is not thereby changed. As now amended, Claims 24, 27, and 32 are in condition for allowance.

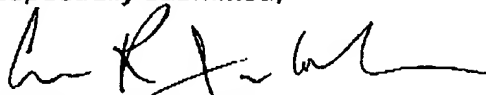
The rejections of claims 22, 23, 25, 26, 28-31, and 33-35 are moot, by virtue of their cancellation.

Pursuant to paragraph 5 of the office action of February 26, 2002, applicants' attorney has investigated the inventorship of the pending claims and those submitted pursuant to this Amendment and has determined that all claims were commonly owned at the time the inventions of the respective claims were made.

Finally, Applicants confirm the provisional election of Group I, claims 1-14, without traverse, and have cancelled claims 15-21.

Applicants believe the foregoing is responsive to each of the points recited by the Examiner in the Office Action, and submit that the present application is in allowable form. A notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

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**MARKED UP VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE**

In showing below the changes made, deletions are in brackets and additions are underlined.

24. (amended) [The system of claim 22,] A humidifying gas induction or supply system, comprising:

an air inlet;

a water reservoir;

a nonporous hydrophilic membrane surface, which is integral to said air inlet and communicates with said water reservoir; and

[further comprising] a hood arranged to regulate an area of said nonporous hydrophilic membrane surface.

27. (amended) [The engine of claim 26,] An engine comprising:

a humidifying air induction or supply system comprising:

an air inlet;

a water reservoir;

a nonporous hydrophilic membrane surface, which is integral to both said air inlet and said water reservoir and interfaces with both said water reservoir and said air inlet; and

[further comprising] a hood arranged to regulate an area of said nonporous hydrophilic membrane surface.